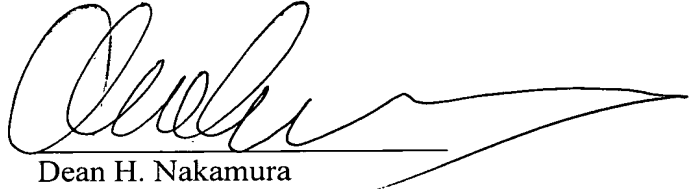


Preliminary Amendment  
Division of U.S. Ser. No. 09/520,967  
Filed 4 February 2002  
Att. Docket No. 43276

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dean H. Nakamura', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean H. Nakamura  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 33,981

Roylance, Abrams, Berdo  
& Goodman L.L.P.  
1300 19<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20036-2680  
(202) 659-9076

Dated: 4 February 2002